

Senate Committee Starts Probe Of Riot Causes

Help Build Needed Ships



These two employees of the Charleston Navy Yard are, in this picture, working almost 20 feet above the floor of the shop but they appear to be too absorbed in their work to mind the height. Martha German is a welder and lives at 170 President Ave., Charleston. She has been working in the Charleston Navy Yard for three months. Holding a steel beam for her, to weld to the bulkhead of a ship is Alvin Garner, a helper shipfitter second class, from Darlington, S. C. He has been at the yard six months. Many hundreds of colored workers in skilled classifications have found profitable and interesting work building ships for America's fleet.—(INP)

Senators Probe Causes Of Riots

WASHINGTON—(A N P)—The sub-committee of the senate judiciary committee, entrusted with working out the details on the investigation of race riots, war stoppages and discrimination in the armed services, has already gone to work and requests have been voiced asking that citizens send this group any information, articles, pamphlets, letters or testimony which will be helpful in getting all the facts before it.

Following a meeting of the judiciary committee of the senate, chairman Frederick Van Nuys, Indiana, appointed as members of

the sub-committee, Sen. Pat McCarran (D) Nevada; Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D) Wyoming and Homer R. Ferguson (R) Michigan, to fully explore the request for \$25,000 to cover the expenses of a national inquiry, to begin their study at once and to report to the full committee on Sept. 14 when congress reconvenes.

PROBE DETROIT RIOT
It is understood Sen. Ferguson is now in Detroit making a painstaking study and personal investigation on the order of his "one man grand jury" probe during

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Jailed As Draft Dodger And Murder Suspect

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—Listed as delinquent by his Local Board, Herbert Foxworth, was arrested by the FBI near here late last Friday night. Following his arrest investigation, revealed that he was also wanted for the murder of Mack Magee, which was committed by him during a cafe fight in Columbia, Mississippi, early in November, 1941.

Foxworth is now faced with two indictments, one from the Federal Grand Jury Meridian Miss., charging him with violation of the Draft Law and one from the Circuit Court of Marion County, charging him with the Magee murder.

Man Near Death In Saturday Night Cutting

Dewitt Ross, 324 Garner Street was taken to the Charity Hospital where he was said to be very near death after he was severely cut in Hadads Cafe near the corner of Monument and Gallatin Street Saturday night.

Mamie Lee Reed with whom Ross is reputed to have lived for several years in common-law relationship is being held in jail or await the outcome of his condition. At the Hospital Ross was said to have a fighting chance for his life. Ross was cut when his wife found him in the cafe in the company of another woman. The other woman escaped without injury.

State 4-H Girls In First District Short Courses

For the first time in the history of 4-H club work for Negro girls in the state of Mississippi there were four district Short Courses held during this month under the supervision of Alice Carter Oliver, District Agent in charge of Home Demonstration Work, Mrs. Beatrice Childress, 4-H Girls Club Agent and Mrs. Virile M. Lindsey, Home Demonstration Agent at large. Extension Service.

The Northeast District was at Holmes Junior College, West Point, Miss. July 5-6. There were enrolled 83 club girls, 5 Leaders, 12 Home Agents and 3 Supervising Agents. The girls competed with each other in twelve contest quiz. Quick Bread and Yeast Bread Making, Dinner and Breakfast Table Setting, Dish Washing, Bed-Making, Egg Judging, Canned Products, Clothing Class 1 and Class 11, Health and Oralatorical. The girls who scored highest in these contest in the counties were brought to the district meeting to compete for the state contest. A most excellent program was rendered by the club girls Monday night, July 5, when the oratorical contest was run off. The work carried on was highly complimented by President Campbell of Mary Holmes Junior College and other visitors.

The Northwest District convened at Coahoma County Agricultural High School, Clarksdale, Miss. There were 49 Club Girls, 6 Leaders, 10 Home Agents, 4 Supervising Agents 15 club Boys and four county Agents in attendance. The night program was much enjoyed by all. County Agent of Coahoma County Mr. Easterling gave an interesting Health picture. The girls' contest were the same. Boys had

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State Baptists Meet At Greenwood, Miss.

GREENWOOD, Miss. — The Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, and affiliated of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., opened its 1943 State Convention here Wednesday morning for a scheduled three day session. Among the most important items on convention agenda is the announced proposal to raise \$20,000 for Natchez College, Natchez, Mississippi, the states leading Baptist supported institution. According to early reports of delegates from outlying districts there appeared every indication that the amount would be raised.

In spite of war time restrictions on travel early arrivals indicated that the attendance would equal if not surpass that of previous years with many prominent National Baptist leaders and officers attending the meeting.

Rev. A. A. Cooley, Vicksburg, President of the Convention, now recovering from an illness of some months which led friends to despair of his recovery was expected to preside during the meeting.

State Negro Soldier Killed

ELGIN FIELD, Fla. — Pfc. Theodore F. Hamilton, Negro soldier, of Foxworth, Mississippi, was among 17 men killed in an accidental explosion at Elgin Field, Florida, the Public Relations Officer announced last week. The nature of the explosion, and its cause was not disclosed.

It is specifically charged in the indictments that the defendants "acting under the color of state law" conspired to violate the civil rights statutes by denying Person his life and liberty without due process of law as guaranteed by the constitution; that the defendants "used a shotgun upon Persons" near Libertyville, Ind., while he was "peaceably making his way" toward his home in Tenn.

CIRCULATED RUMORS
The petition also charged that the defendants "wantonly and recklessly raised a hue and cry" against Persons by circulating "false suspicions, conjectures and rumors" concerning his actions. Stories were spread throughout the community that Person was menacing housewives whom he approached at their kitchen door for food. The allegation in effect accuses the defendants of inciting mob violence by disseminating inflammatory rumors, and is considered significant by observers, in view of the investigations into the

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Security Life Insurance Company Directors Meet

The Board of Directors of the Security Life Insurance Company, the leading Negro Insurance owned and domiciled in Mississippi, held an important meeting, Tuesday evening in the home office on North Parish Street.

Attending the meeting were: Dr. L. T. Burbridge, president, New Orleans, La.; President Wm. H. Bell, Alcorn College, chairman of the Board; Professor Walter H. Williams, vice-president; Secretary, Dr. A. H. McCoy, treasurer; Dr. L. A. Smith; George Donald, Dr. J. L. Allen, Columbus, Mississippi and Mr. Victor S. Jones, New Orleans, La.

Bombardiers, Navigators To Follow 99th Fighters

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SHEDDING LIGHT
For A
GROWING RACE

PRICE FIVE CENTS

FEPC Investigators Rush West To Probe Firing Of Hundreds Of Negro Skilled Workers From Shipyards

INDICT LYNCHERS OF EX-SOLDIER

Prosecution Is Pushed by Legion

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. —(ANP)—It was announced Saturday by Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle that an indictment naming 13 persons including a former sheriff and three ex-sheriffs of Vigo county, Ind., on charges of conspiring to violate the civil rights statutes in the lynching last October of a Negro near Paris, Ill., had been returned by a federal grand jury here.

The federal action resulted from an investigation by the FBI upon orders of Asst. Atty. Gen. Wendell Berge who had received a complaint from the American Legion Post at Jackson, Tenn., that James E. Persons, 33, an honorably discharged soldier of World War II, had been lynched. The Legion had been informed of Person's death by his father, Christopher Person, of Summerville, Tenn.

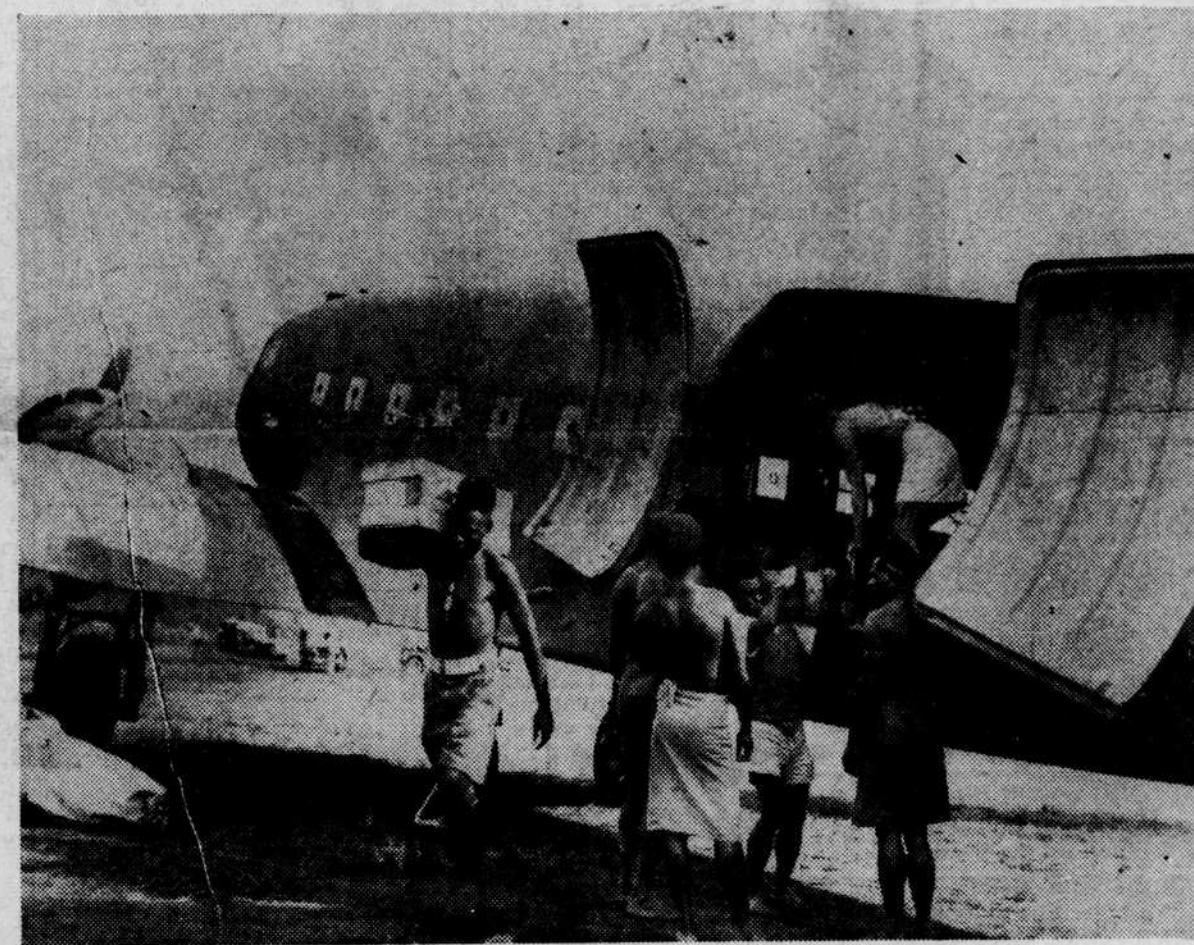
Named in the action are John Trierweiler of Vigo county and his three former deputies, James Elliott, Herbert Beasley, and Pearl Miller. Other defendants are Guy Morris and Martin Klado, former residents of Vigo county, and Ernest Poynter, James Houston, Ed Garwood, Kenneth Bozarth, Erret Bozarth, Hubert R. Tweedy and Charles Price, farmers of Edgar county, Ill.

MAXIMUM PENALTY
Frank Coleman, special assistant to Biddle, who came here to present the evidence to the grand

jury, said the offense carries a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment and a fine of \$5,000. The men have been arrested and are being held in \$2,000 bail. They were arranged before a federal district judge at Danville Monday, July 19.

The true bills charging conspiracy to deprive Persons of his life without due process of law follow the identical procedure in the recent government case in Hattiesburg, Miss. The department unsuccessfully attempted to prosecute members of a mob who removed a prisoner from the local jail and lynched him.

Black Workers Aid United Nations War Effort



SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA—(SNS)—Black workers, all over the world are making herculean contributions to the United Nations' war effort, despite attempts of many warp-minded Americans to portray World War II as a war to main-

tain "white supremacy." Here muscular papuan natives are seen unloading a giant American C-47 Transport, rushing badly needed supplies to our fighting men, many of whom are American Negroes.

Minority Problems Laid Before Vice President, Other Officials

Publishers' Executive Committee Urges Wallace to "Speak Out"

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Problems of operation, newsgathering and race morale confronting the Negro Press and people as a result of the war were laid before Vice President Wallace and other top-ranking federal officials last week by the Executive Committee of the Negro Newspaper Publishers' Association.

The Committee, in a two-day series of conferences held in Washington with the Vice President, Attorney General Biddle, WMC Chairman McNutt and officials of the War and Navy Departments, the War Production Board, Selective Service and the Office of War Information, discussed the outstanding problems, policies and conditions hampering fullest participation in the war effort by the Nation's colored press and population.

DEPLORE TENSIONS

Among these were the need for governmental action toward the elimination of mounting race tensions; fuller utilization of colored manpower in the nation's war industries; and ending of discriminatory policies in the armed forces; improved news coverage of the activities of colored servicemen in theatres of war; draft deferment

for vital men in the newspaper industry and allocation of needed printing materials.

Voicing their support of the ideals fought for and supported by Vice President Wallace, the committee expressed the conviction that the recent Detroit Race riots were brought as a result of race hatreds

and requested that Mr. Wallace speak out against these in an address which he is scheduled to deliver in that city on the twenty-fourth.

Declaring that he was "somewhat alarmed over the indicated trends toward Fascism" in this country, the Vice President indicated that his speech would contain an attack upon "what he termed "the first steps toward Fascism;" the condoning of lynching, the spreading of race hatreds and the denial

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Hostile AFL Union Gets Negroes Fired

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—The firing of hundreds of Negroes in West Coast shipyards by the companies for failure to pay dues any longer to the Jim-crow boiler-makers' union has resulted in a flood of protests to the Fair Employment Practice committee. As a result, the committee has rushed two men out there to ascertain the facts and to submit recommendations.

Resting on that part of the amended executive order permitting the use of outside aid, the committee invited Judge James H.

Wolfe, chief justice of the Utah Supreme court, and he accepted, to meet, Daniel Donovan, field examiner for FEPC in Los Angeles last Saturday.

Wolfe was described as a "liberal" in the field of labor relations. He has served as conciliator for the government in other labor disputes. Where he stands on the Negro could not be determined. Donovan, formerly held a card in the International Association of Machinists, but was identified with

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Patterson Says Army To Train Black Bombers

Negro Navigators To Be Trained Also, He Says

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(A N P)—Acting Secretary of War Robert Patterson confirmed the report that the war department intends to train Negro soldiers as bombardiers and navigators in the army air force. His statement, brief and lacking in detail, was made in answer to a question put to him at the weekly press conference last Thursday morning.

Drew Patterson, in his radio column the Sunday before, had alluded to this plan of the war department as its "answer" to the race riots. The question was intended to invite a straightforward statement from the department.

Patterson explained that army schools have always been open to the men of the service, irrespective of their race, color or creed. He said that Negro soldiers would be sent to these schools and that "every man who goes will be used as a bombardier or navigator."

Asked if they would be organized into teams, the acting secretary declared that "these men will be used for combat duty." His reluctance to go into greater details at the moment was apparent.

DEMANDS NEGROES IN GUARD MARSHALLTOWN, Ia.—(ANP)—The Iowa conference of the NAACP, convening last weekend at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, passed resolutions against mistreatment and discrimination and for the acceptance of Negroes in the state guard.

Recent Visitor



AUXILIARY CARRIE J. SMITH—Second WAC Post Headquarters Company, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, who was a recent visitor of her mother Mrs. Mary Coleman, of this city.